

ADMIRAL BRITAIN SUICIDES

Can Give No Reason For Taking His Life.

Washington, April 23.—(By the A. P.)—Rear Admiral Carlo B. Brittain, chief of staff for Admiral Henry B. Wilson, commander of the Atlantic fleet, committed suicide by shooting himself yesterday while on duty with the fleet in Cuban waters.

CONVENTION REJECTS REED

Missouri Democrats Send Senator's Name Back To Caucus

Joplin, Mo., April 23.—The Democratic state convention in session here today voted early today to reject the selection of U. S. Senator James A. Reed as district delegate to the national convention and to return his name to the fifth district caucus which nominated him.

The vote was 1,070 to 490, four not voting. It came as the climax to an all night session of the convention in which wrangling and filibustering played a prominent part. Lines were drawn sharply in the fight between adherents of Reed and the anti-Reed faction which disapproved Reed's opposition to the League of Nations covenant.

The fifth district delegation (Kansas City and Jackson county) and the St. Louis delegation with the exception of two wards, cast their ballots against the measure.

FEDERAL TROOPS PATROL STREETS

Expect Butte Mines to Resume Operations Today

Butte, Mont., April 23.—Federal soldiers from Camp Lewis and Fort George Wright, Washington, today began patrolling the streets of Butte, scene of numerous disturbances since the Metal Mine Workers' union, No. 800, I. W. W., called a strike last Sunday.

Operators of several big mines in the district, closed since the strike began, announced plans for resuming operations today after the troops arrived last night. No demonstration marked the arrival of the infantrymen. They were ordered here by the western department of the army on request of Gov. Sam V. Stewart. He asked for them after a riot near the Newsum mine in which four men were shot and a policeman injured by being thrown from a motor cycle.

That disturbance was followed by the shooting yesterday of a guard placed in the office of Butte Daily Bulletin, reputed organ of the strikers' organization. The newspaper hereafter will not be accepted for circulation in Canada, Phil C. Goodwin, postmaster, announced. He said he acted under instructions from Washington.

A handbill bearing the name of the miners' organization declared the strike still was in effect despite operators' plans to resume. "Don't walk to the mines over the blood of your fellow workers," it urged. The strikers demanded \$7 for a six hour day, and release of "political prisoners."

WOULD NOT LET WIFE GO SHOPPING

That her husband pointed a revolver at her because she wished to go shopping, was the story told by Emma Bernhardt of Fairfield in the Superior Court this morning when she was granted a divorce from Fred C. Bernhardt, who conducts a musical studio in this city. The wife, a very attractive young woman, said her husband also threw dishes at her when he was angry at her.

The wife testified that inasmuch as Bernhardt refused to pay the rent or support her, she was compelled to leave him. Another witness said she had seen Bernhardt chase his wife with a butcher knife and had heard him call Mrs. Bernhardt vile names. The Bernhardts were married May 2, 1915. Judge Curtis allowed the wife a decree on the ground of intolerable cruelty.

SITUATION UNCHANGED

Waterbury Conn., April 23.—The situation created by the striking of approximately 5,000 unskilled factory laborers in this city remains unchanged. Factory officials reported that a few more workers left the plants today but the number of strikers has not been increased to any great extent. Manufacturers have refused thus far to recognize the demands submitted by the local union of unskilled laborers affiliated with the A. F. O. L. demanding an 8 hour day and 75 cents as a minimum wage.

AVIATOR DROWNED

Yuma, Ariz., April 23.—Lieut. C. F. Bell, U. S. Army aviator, was drowned in the Colorado river last night when he tried to fly under a bridge and his airplane hit a wire. A cor-

REAL NEED OF U. S. WORKERS SAYS LLOYD-GEORGE

San Remo, April 23.—(By the A. P.)—Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain, in an informal talk today with the American newspaper correspondents, said there was a real need of the participation of the United States in the discussion of the Turkish problems. If the United States did participate, her views would be likely to prevail, he declared. "The impression I formed from the reports of British officials with in Germany," the Premier said, "substantially is the impression of the government. The British government has never proposed as a means of compelling Germany to fulfill the terms of the treaty that she should starve. Her food situation now is deplorable."

That conversation then turned from Germany to Turkey and the United States. Mr. Lloyd George said: "We are very sorry—sincerely sorry—that the United States government is not taking part in the settlement of the Turkish questions. We need the advice of the United States. It would be important for me to say a word of criticism concerning the American detachment. I will not do so but I will only say that we have real need of America. The Americans would come to consideration of the Turkish problems without the entanglements and commitments of the European government and you could give us views from a fresh angle. If you were to say 'this is what we ought to do' we should be likely to do it."

\$6,000 ROBBERY IN POST OFFICE ARCADE

Gaining entrance through a rear door, thieves ransacked the tailor shop of A. R. Harry, 22 Post Office Arcade, sometime last night and escaped with one suit of clothes and material valued in all at \$6,000. The Arcade Flower Shop was entered also but nothing taken so far as is known.

The robbery, which is one of the largest that has occurred in Bridgeport for some time was first discovered by the proprietor of the shop when he opened the store this morning. Valuable cloth had been taken from benches and tables and suits were scattered about the floor. It was evident that the burglars made

LIGHTNING BREAKS ALL WINDOWS IN 2 HOUSES

Lightning played a queer stunt this morning at 5:20 o'clock when it struck a house at the intersection of Pequot and Chestnut streets, ripped the roof off one side, broke all the windows in the house and then jumped to the adjoining house and broke the windows and ripped off the balcony. Telephone and lighting service was also disrupted.

The house is owned by Salvador Scipio and the lower floor is occupied by a family named Macitis. The names of the occupants of the upper floor cannot be ascertained as they ran from the house immediately after the lightning struck it and could not be located up to noon.

Cannot Vote Nor Hold Public Office

Paris, April 23.—Sentence of three years' imprisonment was imposed today upon former Premier Joseph Caillaux, convicted by the high court yesterday of commerce and correspondence with the enemy. The time during which he was under arrest will be deducted, however, leaving him but one month to serve.

The ex-premier was sentenced also to pay the cost of the trial. One feature of the penalty which will be inflicted upon Joseph Caillaux, convicted by the high court yesterday was convicted of commerce and correspondence with the enemy will be the loss of his right to vote and right to hold public office. This was decided upon by the senate, sitting as a high court, when it resumed its session behind closed doors at 10:30 o'clock this morning to discuss the text of the verdict. It was agreed that he should not lose his other civic rights.

"They feared to make the most popular corpse in France," said Mr. Caillaux to Maître Moutet of his counsel, when the attorney informed him last night of the verdict of the high court. M. Moutet this morning told of this remark of the ex-premier. "Do you think for a moment I have entertained the slightest illusion?" M. Caillaux asked his counsel when the latter confided with him over the fear that the sentence would be one of banishment.

TORNADO DEATH LIST IS 233

Birmingham, Ala., April 23.—Reports received directly from the portions of Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee swept by Tuesday's tornadoes together with information at the offices of the governors of Mississippi and Alabama today brought the death list up to 233. Previously compiled reports had estimated the dead at 155.

Today's reports from the three states showed: Mississippi 150 dead; 100 injured. Alabama 78 dead; 500 injured. Tennessee 5 dead; 30 injured.

PROBATE JUDGES TO MEET HERE

The Connecticut Probate Assembly will meet in Bridgeport on Wednesday, May 12 at the Stratfield. Following a brief business session at 12 o'clock the members of the assembly, who will consist of the various Probate Judges of the state, will attend a luncheon, which is later to be followed by two addresses. Hon. John J. Walsh, of the Common Pleas Court for Fairfield county, will speak on the topic "The Delay in Litigation." Judge John S. Pullman of this city will address the assembly on the topic "The Equity Jurisdiction of the Probate Court."

This is the first time that the assembly has met outside of the city of Hartford in over 20 years.

WORKERS APPEAL TO MANAGERS

Seek Restoration to Duty—No Discrimination.

New York, April 23.—Striking railroad workers in the New York district appealed directly to the railroad managers today for restoration to duty and settlement of the strike "in the public interest."

Edward McHugh, chairman of the executive committee of the strikers, sent a letter by messenger to J. J. Mantell, chairman of the general managers' association, declaring the "public demand" for the immediate resumption of railway traffic and asking that the managers' association submit for your approval the following:

"Our immediate restoration to duty without discrimination and with full seniority rights in order to relieve the wheels of industry."

The latter recalled the strikers' request for extension of the managers' ultimatum which reserved the right to reject applicants for re-employment who had proved "unfitness for service" and added:

"We made this request with the fact in view that the public which has been innocently dragged into this controversy should have due consideration."

"Now this body feels that it has tried to do its part toward bringing this controversy to an early settlement and feels it is the duty of the general managers of the various propandies of the managers' association to recede in their attitude and take into consideration the inconveniences of the public and the probability of a food shortage."

While a thousand strikers were meeting in Jersey City, from where McHugh dispatched the appeal, railroad officials announced places of the "outlaws" gradually were being filled by return of old employees and by employment of new men.

The Erie railroad which was severely crippled by the strike, reported 40 per cent of its striking employees had returned within the last three days and 20 per cent of the places of men remaining out had been filled by new men who are doing work of first-class.

Other roads reported continued improvement in freight service and asserted passenger service was virtually normal with many suburban trains still being operated by volunteers.

EXPECT 20,000 IN BIG PARADE

Retail Clothing Merchants Reducing Prices Sharply

New York, April 23.—A nation-wide, continuous drive against profiteering in wearing apparel will be started by the Cheese Club at the conclusion of Saturday's overall parade on Broadway, it was announced today. The marchers will hold a mass meeting, probably in Central Park and elect a permanent organization with which overall clubs throughout the country will be invited to affiliate.

"We are not going to let the thing die with the parade," said Walter J. Kingsley, chairman of the parade committee. "We are going to show those who sneer at us that the demonstration is neither a far nor a joke."

Applications for places in the line of march are pouring in from so many organizations that it is probable the number of marchers will reach 20,000, officials of the Cheese Club said. Nearly one-fourth of the applicants have come from women. Persons guilty of profiteering with British brokers during the continental blockade and giving them the stock exchange figures and other information.

M. Caillaux's plans for the future have not been made public but it is learned on good authority that if he is sentenced to banishment for any length of time he will proceed to South America.

NO LEGAL RIGHT TO ATTACH CASH

Claiming that Bianca West Bishop of this city had no legal right to attach \$200,000 worth of cash and securities belonging to William D. Bishop of New Haven, Attorney Jacob B. Klein this morning in the Superior Court asked that the attachment be declared void.

Attorney Klein declared no money was asked for in the divorce action brought by Mrs. Bishop. He said she was entitled only to an order for a weekly allowance. He said it was unjust to garnish Bishop's money in all the banks in this city and New Haven. He also claimed the contents of Bishop's safe deposit box in a local bank had been attached.

Attorney F. E. Morgan, counsel for Mrs. Bishop, denied the safe deposit contents had been seized. He said the bank officials refused to allow the sheriff to touch the box. Attorney Morgan maintained that his client was legally justified in attaching all her husband's property. Judge Curtis reserved decision.

TWO INDICTMENTS RETURNED.

New York, April 23.—Indictments charging profiteering in meats were returned today by a federal grand jury in Brooklyn against the Chicago packing house of Armour & Company, Swift & Company and Wilson & Company and their representatives here.

"NO CHARGES THAT COULD BE PROVEN" WHO IS BILL

REMARK REPORTED MADE BY POLICE COMMISSIONER IN ANSWER TO DEMAND FOR DEFINITE EVIDENCE—BOARD SPLIT ON SUSPENSION VOTE.

Mayor Wilson, who refuses to talk at all about the vice squad to local newspaper people, seems to talk very freely to out of town newspapers. One Margery Rex came to see him, for a New York newspaper, and he talked freely, if he is rightly quoted. He even talked with abandon, and with a large appreciation of his relationship to the universe. The interview was accompanied with a really beautiful picture of his honor, Margery wasn't interested in the mayor only, she wrote the following:

"I thought it was the most direct and simple," he replied, and that brings back the story of the man who wanted "to see Bill about something."

The man had been waiting outside the mayor's office, where Sam Bailey, his secretary, must wrestle with the crowds of people who, impressed, with the clean-sweeping methods of their executive, come to his sanctum to have all sorts of troubles remedied. "Bill's" seeker evidently was worried.

"Mayor Wilson," he said, when he got an audience, "I think 'Bill' is the person I should see about this. I know some one who knows 'Bill' or can tell him about it and I'll get at him that way."

"Why do it that way? Go right to Bill—he'll see you, I guess," to the man's surprise, "go right to him and no one else."

50 HOURS WILL CONSTITUTE WEEK

Employees of Singer Co. Notified To This Effect.

Employees of the Singer Manufacturing company were notified yesterday afternoon that beginning this morning they would be compelled to work 50 hours a week. Work will start at 7 o'clock and will end at 5 o'clock in the afternoon on all days of the week except Saturday when work will cease at noon.

Two of the employees of the tool room were discharged this morning for failure to report at 7 o'clock and the men were all informed that the 50 hour week was compulsory.

The basic week is still 44 hours and the extra 6 hours will be paid at the time a half rate.

WAR VETERAN IS DEFENDANT

Judge Curtis Accepts Report of Committee.

C. Dudley Mills, veteran of the world war and member of one of Bridgeport's oldest families, was the defendant in divorce proceedings brought by Carolyn Weir Mills, a report on which was filed today in the Superior Court. The report of Attorney Charles S. Canfield, appointed by the court as a committee to hear testimony, recommended a divorce for Mrs. Mills on the ground of intemperance. Judge Curtis accepted the report.

Mills, who is wealthy in his own right, enlisted at the time this country entered the war and served with distinction in France. It was known that he and Mrs. Mills had not been getting along well in recent years but it was not generally known that Mrs. Mills had brought an action for divorce. The couple were married in 1910 and lived in a Golden Hill street apartment house during the later years of their married life.

PARIS REPORTS ARE CONFIRMED

London, April 23.—The London Times today confirms the Paris reports of yesterday that Premier Lloyd George and Nitti had urged that a German representative be summoned to San Remo for the purpose of revising the treaty of Versailles but that the proposal collapsed owing to French and Belgian opposition. To this the newspaper adds:

"We understand that any attempt to revise the treaty without consulting the United States will be resented by America, who will consider England responsible for any complication that may ensue."

JOHNSON PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

Rome, April 23.—Robert Underwood Johnson, American ambassador to Italy, presented his credentials to King Victor Emmanuel today.

Mr. Johnson later left for San Remo where he will meet the secretary of the American embassy in Paris who has been ordered by the State department at Washington to go to the scene of the conference of supreme allied council.

ANATOLIA FORMS GOVERNMENT

London, April 23.—Anatolia has formed an independent government under the presidency of Mustafa Kemal, leader of Turkish nationalist forces in Asia Minor, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company filed at Constantinople on Wednesday.

It was reported this morning from authoritative sources that when the Board of Police Commissioners met recently to take action on the suspension of Superintendent Redgate, one of the members said in answer to a strong demand from another that definite charges should be made, "We have no charges against the superintendent that we can prove."

On the Board of Commissioners some of the members were strongly against suspending Redgate and declared that before this action was taken definite charges should be brought and if this was done they would favor the suspension. This move however was not made and the board split on the suspension vote.

Reports around the city this morning were not only that Superintendent Redgate would fight if the commissioners attempt to oust him from his position or delay action too long, but that numerous prominent residents of the city have called at the Redgate home and offered to do all in their power for him if the affair comes to a "show down."

A general sentiment, not only among the politicians in the city but among the people as well, seems to be shifting markedly to the side of the deposed superintendent. The prevalent opinion is that if the commissioners have charges against Redgate they should bring them at once and bring them openly. If they have no charges which they can substantiate it is general opinion that Redgate should be honorably restored to his position.

VICE CRUSADE COMES TO TEMPORARY HALT

Except for the usual inside workings, activity in Bridgeport's vice crusade came to a temporary halt today. In the City court three alleged frequenters of a disorderly house forfeited \$10 bonds and the case of Joseph T. Villa, alleged keeper of a disorderly house at 372 State street, was continued until April 27 under \$3,000 bonds.

Mayor Clifford B. Wilson and Attorney Alexander L. Delaney reaffirmed his former statement, that up to the present time he has received no evidence which connects the Bridgeport police with any vice trust in this city.

With the arrest of Joseph Villa, by the local police, it is thought that the authorities have succeeded in capturing a figure of considerable importance in the underworld of Bridgeport. Villa is charged with being the keeper of a disorderly house at 372 State street, and is also accused of violating Section 651 of the state statutes which provides for a sentence of 15 years or a fine of \$1,000 on a charge of enticing or using females for immoral purposes. Marian Wilson, the 17 year old girl who is being held as a star witness, is believed to be connected with this case. It is said that Villa does not deny his guilt. He was unable to provide \$3,000 bonds this morning.

Villa's arrest last night was made by Patrolmen Walter Auger and Michael Arnoldsky, both of whom are understood to be members of Bridgeport's new "vice squad" which is composed of about 12 members and is said to be headed by Lieutenant John E. Burton. The "vice squad" is apparently working with the Burns men in an attempt to bring in the persons who are still being sought by the authorities. Acting Superintendent Charles A. Suckley refused to state

ASK WARSHIPS FOR CITIZENS' PROTECTION

Washington, April 23.—American government representatives in Mexico have asked for the dispatch of warships to that coast to protect American citizens and their property. The requests came from Mazatlan and Topolobampo on the Pacific coast and Frontera on the gulf coast. Officials of the state, war and naval departments are investigating the requests, explaining that in times of disturbances in the southern republic it is not unusual to receive requests for warships when there is no need for them.

News Of Amundsen After 19 Months

Nome, Alaska, April 23.—(By The A. P.)—Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole, has arrived at Anadir, a trading post on the Behring Sea, east of Siberia, according to a wireless message from Anadir received here last night. The despatch gave no details other than suggesting that the explorer had reached the village in a ship.

For more than 19 months the silence of polar seas have shrouded the vessel that bore Roald Amundsen and his shipmates in their strange endeavor to reach the north pole.

Amundsen's vessel, the Maud, took on oil at Dixon Island in the White Sea about September 1, 1918, and soon after sailed off to the northeast through the rapidly freezing arctic. It was the explorer's plan to drive the ship as far northward as he could, then to lodge her in the ice and permit her to be dragged along with the mercurial floes.

Studies of Arctic ice had been made by Amundsen, who believed his ship would be carried around the northern end of Nova Zembla and thence eastward to the vicinity of the Lapsky Islands, off the Delta of the Lena river on the northern Siberian coast. Here he believed the ice would be driven to the northward and though it would take him near the North Pole. There is some uncertainty as to the exact point reached by Amundsen in Siberia. Anadir is not the his life has been in constant danger.

SIR JOHN TAYLOR TO RESIGN

London, April 23.—Sir John Taylor, under secretary in the British administration will resign as a part of the new government policy toward Ireland, said the Daily Sketch.

"Sir John," the newspaper says, "has for years been the 'power behind the throne' at Dublin Castle and his life has been in constant danger."